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I have seen the influence of lobbyists and media on the decision making process in drafting regulations at the EU Commission. Patients too, can empower and work with key players in the fields of academic and applied research; clinical trials; regulatory process and access to new treatments. As new types of therapies such as gene and stem cell treatments are being cultivated and developed for clinical trials, patients must be included to clarify the objectives of research and clinical programmes and to identify the most appropriate and fairest possible interventions.

Experience/Areas of Interest:

- B.Sc (Chemistry) and PhD (Organic Chemistry) at UCD
- PhD project: Synthesis of novel organic compounds
- Analysis of residues in foods and water at regulatory laboratories
- Member state delegate at EU and international meetings to set limits for residues in food

Patient Involvement and Experience:

- Board Director and Research committee member at Fighting Blindness
- Graduate of IPPOSI eLearning programme for patients
- Hold weekly mindfulness classes with visually impaired people.